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In re the Application of:

Jun KAKUTA, et al.

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Examiner: C. Huynh

For: INFORMATION FRAGMENTS EDITING SYSTEM AND COMPUTER MEMORY
PRODUCT

PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

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Sir:

This response is filed concurrently with the Request for Continued Examination filed April 5, 2002, responsive to the Office Action dated November 5, 2001, and the Advisory Action dated March 5, 2002.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103:

In the final Office Action mailed November 5, 2001, claims 1-3, 17-18, 21-22 and 25-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,659,791 to Nakajima et al. and U.S. Patent 5,421,015 to Khoyi et al. in view of U.S. Patent 5,524,193 to Convington et al.

Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites "a unit for displaying, on a window displaying information controlled by an external application program, a transparent window through which contents of the information controlled by the external application program is seen . . . the selected information is created as an information object so as to be shown on said transparent window."

The Examiner relies upon Covington et al. as disclosing this feature. As previously argued in the response dated February 5, 2002, this reference does not disclose the claimed transparent window and that the selected information is created as an information object and